

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 5, 30, and 31 have been amended. Claims 28 and 29 have previously been cancelled. Claims 1-27 and 30-69 are presently pending, with claims 1, 5, 10, 13, 17, 24, 25, 27, 39, 47, 51, 56, and 63 being independent.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-27, 30, and 32-69 in the Office Action dated January 5, 2006. In the Action, claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the U.S. Patent No. 2,296,268 to Buchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,086,019 to Poole. Applicant has rewritten claim 31 to depend from allowed independent claim 24. Thus, dependent claim 31 should now be in condition for allowance. Also in the Action, claims 5 and 30 are objected to because of various informalities. Applicant has made the requested amendments to claims 5 and 30 and these claims should, therefore, be in condition for allowance.

In view of foregoing, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

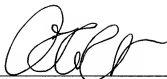
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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